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COUNTY TO OFFER SPANISH-LANGUAGE WEBSITE

The County of Los Angeles will soon launch a Spanish-language website and is asking the public to assist by advising what type of information should be included.

Hispanic constituents are being asked to fill out a nine-question survey found on the County's home page at lacounty.info that is designed to find out what services and information would be useful.

Additionally, focus groups comprised of Hispanic members of the community in each of the five supervisorial districts will be formed to provide input.

Those interested in taking the online survey should click on the "En Espanol" logo at the bottom of the County's home page.

Some departments presently include information in Spanish on their websites, but the County wants to make it easier to locate such material by linking it on one site. Efforts will be made to add other material, based on the findings of the surveys.

Among the Spanish-language material that can now be found online is an alphabetical guide to services, an explanation of the 37 departments and their functions, and court information.

Approximately 45 percent of the residents of Los Angeles County are Hispanic, according to the 2000 Census. Of those, an estimated 27 percent use the Internet.